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TEASER

INT. APPLE BLOOM'S ROOM - DAY

APPLE BLOOM is sifting through outfits hanging in her wardrobe, looking for the right item to wear.

1 APPLE BLOOM
What to wear...what to wear...?

APPLEJACK enters.

2 APPLEJACK
Scoot yer boot, Apple Bloom! We gotta get
to the train station pronto!

Apple Bloom stops at a pair of overalls.

3 APPLE BLOOM
Too casual!

She sifts past some more outfits and stops at a sundress.

4 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Too summery!

Her search continues.

5 APPLEJACK
Your cousin isn't gonna care what you're
wearin'. Just pick somethin'.

6 APPLE BLOOM
This is my first time meeting her. And
she's from Manehattan. I want to make a
good impression.

7 APPLEJACK
You know what would make a good
impression?

8 APPLE BLOOM
(eager)
What?!

9 APPLEJACK
Bein' on time to pick her up.

Apple Bloom GRIMACES, then resumes her search. She tosses
aside outfit after outfit.

10 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You got nothin' to worry about, sugar
cube. Ya'll are gonna get along great.
You already have somethin' big in common.

11 APPLE BLOOM
(distracted)
Oh yeah. What's that?

12 APPLEJACK
Neither of you have your Cutie Mark.

Apple Bloom SPINS around on her heels to face her sister.

13 APPLE BLOOM
What?! How could you forget to tell me
something like that?

14 APPLEJACK
Well I--

15 APPLE BLOOM
This changes everything!
(then)
Meet you at the train station. I gotta
tell Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo.

Apple Bloom makes a hasty exit.

16 APPLEJACK
(calling after her)
You know your cousin is supposed to sleep
in here!

WIDEN TO REVEAL - Apple Bloom's room is an absolute
disaster area of discarded outfits.

END TEASER

ACT I

EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN STATION

Apple Bloom, SWEETIE BELLE, and SCOOTALOO stand at the
train station with Applejack. They can barely contain
their excitement.

17 SCOOTALOO
You really think she'll want to join?

18 APPLE BLOOM
She doesn't have her Cutie Mark. Of
course she'll want to be a Cutie Mark
Crusader.

19 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm just so excited I could burst.

The train pulls into the station.

20 APPLE BLOOM
 (to Applejack)
Is that the train from Manehattan?

21 APPLEJACK
Yep.

The train comes to a stop and the Cutie Mark Crusaders
try and find Babs.

22 APPLE BLOOM
That's her! Wait, no, no it's not. Wait!
That's her! No, no,...that's not her
either!...Wait! --

23 APPLEJACK
Apple Bloom, you've never met Babs,
remember?

Apple Bloom blushes.

24 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, yeah...

Applejack strains her neck.

25 APPLEJACK
Ah, that's her!

ANGLE ON - BABS SEED exiting the train. She's about Apple
Bloom's age and you can see the familial relation. You
can also see that she is a fellow BLANK FLANK. She looks
around, unsure of her surroundings.

26 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
Babs! Babs!

Babs suddenly finds herself surrounded by Apple Bloom,
Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle.

27 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
It's me, your cousin, Apple Bloom! And
this is Sweetie Belle.
 (MORE)

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)

And this is Scootaloo. And we are so, so,
so glad you're here.

Babs tries to interject and we catch a hint of her
Manhattan accent.

28 BABS

Thanks I'm happy to--

29 SWEETIE BELLE

This is going to be the best week of your
life!

30 BABS

Sure hope it's--

31 SCOOTALOO

Seriously, we are gonna have a blast.

32 SWEETIE BELLE

The Summer Harvest Parade is going on
while you're here.

33 APPLE BLOOM

And we've got a really big surprise for
you.

34 BABS

(nervous)

A surprise?

EXT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - SOON AFTER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders approach the clubhouse. Babs is
with them and has her eyes closed.

35 APPLE BLOOM

Okay, open 'em!

Babs opens her eyes.

36 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS

Ta-da!

37 SCOOTALOO

Well, whatta ya think?

Babs opens her mouth to speak but doesn't get a chance.

38 APPLE BLOOM

Don't answer yet. You gotta see the
inside first.

Babs follows her to the front door.

39 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I give you...

She ushers Babs inside.

INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Babs enters, followed by Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle.

40 APPLE BLOOM
...the Cutie Mark Crusaders Clubhouse!

41 BABS
Cutie Mark Crusaders?

42 SCOOTALOO
A club devoted to helping ponies get
their Cutie Marks.
(then, proudly)
We're its founding members.

43 SWEETIE BELLE
Technically, we're its only members.

44 APPLE BLOOM
But we're always looking to expand and
you seem like the perfect candidate.

45 BABS
I do?

46 SCOOTALOO
Well, yeah. Since you don't have a Cutie
Mark and all.

Babs looks a little self-conscious at the mention of her Blank Flank.

47 BABS
Oh. Yeah. That.

48 APPLE BLOOM
Allow me to show you just some of the
highlights of our clubhouse should you
choose to join us.

She gestures to the roll call sheet.

49 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
This is where we do roll call.

She gestures to a table.

50 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
This is where we eat our lunch.

She gestures to an empty corner.

51 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sometimes we stand here and think up
really important ideas.

Babs nods her head, looking around. The Cutie Mark
Crusaders look at her expectantly, but she just stands
there.

52 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Could you excuse us for a minute?

53 BABS
Sure.

Apple Bloom gestures for Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo to
join her in the "important ideas corner".

54 APPLE BLOOM
(whispering)
Thought she'd be more impressed.

55 SWEETIE BELLE
*She's from Manehattan. If we want to
impress her we need to really wow her.*

They ponder this for a moment before Scootaloo gets an
idea.

56 SCOOTALOO
*The float! She can ride with us on our
Summer Harvest Parade float!*

57 APPLE BLOOM
That's perfect!
(then)
*This really is a good spot for thinking
up great ideas.*

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle nod in agreement as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. APPLE ORCHARD - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Down at an outside workshop, the Cutie Mark Crusaders have set up a work station for their float.

58 APPLE BLOOM
Here it is... the official Cutie Mark
Crusaders float for the Summer Harvest
Parade.

Babs looks over the almost complete PUMPKIN FLOAT, made of dried flowers, pieces of fabric, and other odds and ends. It sits on wooden wheels.

59 SCOOTALOO
As a member of the Cutie Mark Crusaders
you'd be able to ride on it with us.
It'll be totally fun.

Babs smiles.

60 BABS
That does sound pretty fun--

61 DIAMOND TIARA (O.S.)
More like funny...

The Cutie Mark Crusaders and Babs turn to see DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON approaching the float.

62 DIAMOND TIARA/SILVER SPOON
...looking!

The <LAUGH> at their own joke.

63 SILVER SPOON
(re: the float)
What is that thing? A giant orange?

64 APPLE BLOOM
It's a pumpkin.

65 DIAMOND TIARA
More like a lame-kin.

Silver Spoon <GIGGLES>. Diamond Tiara notices Babs.

66 DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
Who's the new blank flank?

Babs is visibly uncomfortable.

67 APPLE BLOOM
She's my cousin, Babs. She's from
Manhattan.

68 DIAMOND TIARA
Manhattan, huh? Well I guess you have
that going for you.

69 SILVER SPOON
Suppose you're gonna join their little
club? What's it called? The "Cutie Mark
Crusaders".

70 BABS
More like the Cutie Mark Crybabies.

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo visibly react
to the insult.

71 APPLE BLOOM
Hey!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon stop and look at each
other, surprised. Diamond Tiara smiles deviously.

72 DIAMOND TIARA
Oooh. Big city attitude. I like it.

Silver Spoon nods in agreement.

73 BABS
Oh yeah? Well there's more where that
came from. Check this out.

Babs turns around and gives a couple of SWIFT BUCKING
KICKS to the Cutie Mark Crusaders float, bending it and
tearing big holes into it!

Sweetie Belle <GASPS> in horror.

74 BABS (CONT'D)
Looks like somepony's pumpkin just got
squashed.

She looks over to see Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon
<GIGGLING>. Babs smiles, pleased with their reaction.

75 SCOOTALOO
Oh no she didn't!

76 APPLE BLOOM
When I tell Appleja--

Babs gets into Apple Bloom's face.

77 BABS
You gonna tell Applejack what?

Apple Bloom cowers a bit.

78 APPLE BLOOM
Well, uh, you know---

79 BABS
What're you-- a SNITCH?

Babs sneers. Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon look on, impressed by her bad attitude.

80 DIAMOND TIARA
C'mon Babs. You should hang with us-- you know, the cool ponies. Not these babies.

Babs gives them one more look and then struts off with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon, leaving the Cutie Mark Crusaders in a bit of shock.

81 APPLE BLOOM
What. Just. Happened?

82 SCOOTALOO
(quietly)
I think Babs just went to the dark side.

83 SWEETIE BELLE
We have to tell Applejack.

Apple Bloom turns to Sweetie Belle.

84 APPLE BLOOM
No! We're NOT snitches!

85 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. And we're NOT BABIES!

Sweetie Belle begins to <WHIMPER>.

86 SWEETIE BELLE
Then why do I feel like crying?

END OF ACT I

ACT II

EXT. CLUBHOUSE - ESTABLISHING - DAY

INT. CLUBHOUSE - AT THE SAME TIME

Scootaloo paces back and forth while Sweetie Belles sits in the corner, sad. Apple Bloom stands between them.

87 SCOOTALOO
I still can't believe she ruined our
pumpkin float.

88 APPLE BLOOM
I still can't believe I'm related to such
a big, stinking bully.

89 SWEETIE BELLE
What are we going to do?

90 APPLE BLOOM
We're gonna build a new float, that's
what.

91 SCOOTALOO
Why bother? She'll probably just ruin
that one too.

Apple Bloom slumps. Scootaloo makes a good point.

92 SWEETIE BELLE
(hopeful)
We could always tell Applejack.

93 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM
NO!

Now Sweetie Belle slumps.

94 APPLE BLOOM
We're not gonna be a bunch of tattle-
tales. Besides, she's only here a couple
of weeks. We'll just avoid her like the
plague until she goes home.

95 SCOOTALOO
Avoid her. Yeah. How hard can that be?

CUT TO:

MONTAGE

MUSIC UP as the Cutie Mark Crusaders try to avoid Babs.
It is actually a very hard thing to do... (NOTE: Use
Selena Gomez's *Falling Down* for music reference.)

EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are lined up in front of the counter enjoying a trio of MILKSHAKES.

96 APPLEBLOOM

First we thought that Babs, she was
really really sweet/ A new friend to
have, it sure was a treat

Sweetie Belle looks up from her milkshake to see Babs is standing next to her. She's accompanied by Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. Babs gives Sweetie Belle a bump with her backside.

97 SCOOTALOO

But then we found the truth , A bully
from the east/She went from Babs, To a
bully and a beast!

Sweetie Belle topples into Apple Bloom who topples into Scootaloo and they fall like dominoes. Babs, Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon take over sipping the milkshakes.

EXT. MARKET

The Cutie Mark Crusaders weave through the town's outdoor farmer's market. They look a little on edge.

98 SWEETIE BELLE

Everywhere we turn, she's one step ahead/
And those nasty other ponies, are the
friends she chose instead!

Apple Bloom is suddenly struck by a lemon. She looks over to see Diamond Tiara, Silver Spoon, and Babs near a lemon stand. Babs BUCKS her hind legs...

ANGLE ON the CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS as they duck and dive to avoid a barrage of lemons.

99 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS

Babs Seed! Babs Seed! What we gonna do?
We got a bully on our tail/
Babs Seed! Babs Seed! We gotta hide we
gotta bail/ Babs Seed, she's a BAD
SEED!....

INT. PONYVILLE THEATRE

The Cutie Mark Crusaders nervously look around, then take their seats in an almost empty theater.

100 APPLE BLOOM

Hiding from a Bully, we know it isn't
right but the Cutie Mark Crusaders,
Aren't looking for a fight!

101 SCOOTALOO

She'll go home soon, then we'll have some
peace again but we'll be staying out of
her way 'til then!

Just as the CMCs get comfortable, Babs slides into their row. Babs keeps nudging the Cutie Mark Crusaders over until they are pushed out of the row entirely. Silver Spoon and Diamond Tiara give Babs "high fives" as the CMCs hastily leave the theater.

NOTE: The next part of the montage should be rapid-fire

INT. LIBRARY

The ponies are standing in front of a shelf of books. When they pull out one, they can see Babs', Diamond Tiara's and Silver Spoon's faces behind the books. They all smile. The CMCs roll their eyes and walk away.

102 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS

Babs Seed! Babs Seed!
What we gonna do? We got a bully on our
tail
Babs Seed! Babs Seed!
We gotta hide we gotta bail
Babs Seed, she's a BAD SEED!....

INT. COSTUME STORE

The ponies are hiding in there with their own costumes (the CMCs are dressed like three little pigs). Babs jumps out at them in a full wolf costume. They quickly turn around and scramble offscreen.

103 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Why so mean? Why so rude?
Why so angry? Why so crude?
Can't you be nice?
Can't we be friends?
Isn't it sad, this how it all ends?

EXT. PONYVILLE LAKE

The ponies are fishing at the edge of the lake, and Scootaloo gets a tug on her pole. She reels in Babs, who is wearing a scuba outfit. Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon pop up out of the water next to her.

104 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Babs Seed, she's a BAD SEED
Bad Bad

EXT. PONYVILLE FIELD/PATH

This last scene of the montage is longer. The Cutie Mark Crusaders slowly walk along a dirt path, exhausted from running into Babs everywhere in town. Just then they hear a rumble and look to see Diamond Tiara, Silver Spoon, and Babs riding in a frilly wagon/carriage.

105 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Babs Seed, she's a BAD SEED

The carriage zooms past them, but not before riding through a thick mud puddle. The mud splashes onto The Cutie Mark Crusaders.

MUSIC OUT.

EXT. CLUBHOUSE - DAY - LATER

The Crusaders walk up to their clubhouse.

106 APPLE BLOOM
Babs may have run us out of town, but at least we still have the clubhouse...

She stops short as she sees Babs peering out at them from the clubhouse window.

107 BABS
Hey--what are you doing at MY clubhouse?

Scootaloo is enraged.

108 SCOOTALOO
Y-Y-YOUR clubhouse? This is OUR
clubhouse!

109 BABS
Well, it WAS yours. And now it's mine.

Then Silver Spoon pops her head up.

110 SILVER SPOON
And mine.

Then Diamond Tiara pops her head up.

111 DIAMOND TIARA
And MINE.

Apple Bloom steps forward.

112 APPLE BLOOM
That's not fair Babs! We never did
anything to you!

113 BABS
And let's keep it that way. Now scram,
crybabies--

Babs slams the window shut. Behind it the Crusaders can
hear the three of them laughing.

114 DIAMOND TIARA/SILVER
 SPOON/BABS
Bump! Bump! Sugarlump! Rump!
 (then)
<GIGGLES>

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo look at Sweetie Belle. Her
bottom lip begins to quiver and her eyes well up with
tears.

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S ROOM - DAY - LATER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are holed up in Sweetie Belle's
room. Sweetie Belle is still <BLUBBERING>.

115 APPLE BLOOM
That Babs has really gone too far this
time!

116 SCOOTALOO
Kicked out of our own clubhouse!

117 SWEETIE BELLE
(teary)
We--we n-n-need to talk to A-A-Applejack!

118 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
NO!

119 APPLE BLOOM
We NEED to fight back.

120 SCOOTALOO
(confident)
Yeah! Fight back!
(then, not so confident)
How are we gonna do that?

Apple Bloom paces, deep in thought. A smile creeps onto her face as she is suddenly struck by an idea.

121 APPLE BLOOM
By making her the guest of honor at the
Summer Harvest Parade!

122 SCOOTALOO
Yeah.
(then)
Wait. What?

123 APPLE BLOOM
Babs will never wanna mess with us again
after we make her float crash into the
lake in front of everypony in Ponyville.
(then)
She wants to bully us? We'll bully her
right back.

She smiles a mischievous smile that is soon shared by Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

FADE TO:

INT. APPLE BLOOM'S ROOM - NIGHT

Babs is <SNORING> away in Apple Bloom's bed. Apple Bloom lays on the ground, quiet as a mouse, waiting for the signal.

124 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
Mooooo!

Apple Bloom hears Sweetie Belle, gets up and looks outside. Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo are there with saddle bags filled with supplies.

Apple Bloom quietly tiptoes past the still <SNORING> Babs.

DISSOLVE TO:

PITCH BLACK. Then a door SLIDES OPEN to reveal...

The SILHOUETTES of the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

The <STRIKE> of match is heard and a lantern is lit revealing:

INT. BARN - NIGHT

In the foreground is a ROUND METAL STRUCTURE sitting on wheels, similar to the pumpkin float Babs destroyed earlier.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders begin to pull out materials from their saddlebags. Sweetie Belle is sorting through scraps of shiny golden fabric.

125 APPLE BLOOM
Are those from the Carousel Boutique?

126 SWEETIE BELLE
Yep!

127 APPLE BLOOM
Excellent!

Scootaloo blows a sparkly powder off of her hoof into the air.

128 SWEETIE BELLE
Ooooh! What is that?

129 SCOOTALOO
Luster dust from Sugercube Corner -- they use it for decorating cakes!

130 SWEETIE BELLE
That must be what Rarity uses on her emergency edible boots!

Scootaloo reveals what she brought.

131 SCOOTALOO
The gears and bands for the moving
mechanism, my tools n' stuff.
(then, to Apple Bloom)
Did you bring the thing? From the place?

Apple Bloom opens her bag and dumps out a KITCHEN TIMER
in the shape of an apple.

132 SWEETIE BELLE
What's that?

133 APPLE BLOOM
Granny Smith's kitchen timer!

134 SWEETIE BELLE
What's that for?

Scootaloo smiles.

135 SCOOTALOO
(sing songy))
You'll see!

136 APPLE BLOOM
Come on, y'all. Let's get to it. We only
have a few hours before morning and this
thing has to look so good, Babs won't be
able to resist wanting to ride in it.

DISSOLVE TO:

A SERIES OF SHOTS

Depict the Cutie Mark Crusaders building their new float.
We can't quite see what they are making.

A) Apple Bloom PAINTS a side with a brush in her mouth.

B) Sweetie Belle dips fabric in something that looks like
wallpaper glue and spreads it over a side.

C) Scootaloo works under the float like a mechanic. She
rolls out with grease on her face. Apple Bloom throws
shiny dust into the air from over the float.

D) They GLUE, TACK, HAMMER. Scootaloo installs the
STEERING WHEEL. More FABRIC is CUT UP, more PAINT is
ROLLED ON.

E) Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom watch Scootaloo as she works under the float. They are yawning, and the sun begins to come up.

Finally, she rolls out with a RATCHET in her mouth. She high hoofs Sweetie Belle.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BARN - SOON AFTER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders admire their handiwork. (Still not fully revealed to the audience.)

137 APPLE BLOOM
Is this it?

138 SCOOTALOO
I think we're a go!

Sweetie Belle <YAWNS>.

139 SWEETIE BELLE
 (mid-yawn)
Good cuth we better geth outha here
before Babsth findsth uth!

Three hooves combine in the center of the screen, one on top of the other.

140 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE
 BELLE/SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Cutie Mark Crusaders....HO!

FADE OUT.

FADE IN ON:

EXT. PONYVILLE MAIN STREET - MORNING

It is the morning of the Summer Harvest Parade. PONIES are already lined up along the path through town, adorned in FUN COSTUMES, silly fruit and veggie HATS, and FLAGS. Little FOALS and FILLIES are anxiously anticipating the parade. VENDORS are selling their goods.

141 VENDOR
Hawwwwt carrot crepes. Get'em here!
Get'em hawwwwt!

At the beginning of the parade, Babs is strolling along with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon, checking out the floats, all lined up and ready to go. They are all floats in the shapes of summer fruits and vegetables, a squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplants....

Babs separates from Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. Just then, Bab's mouth drops as she sees the Cutie Mark Crusaders finishing up..... their spectacular Golden Apple Float! It's dazzling.

142 BABS
Whoah!

143 SWEETIE BELLE
Isn't it smashing? No-- I didn't mean
smash! I mean, -- isn't it a hit? No, not
Hit! No hitting! I mean---

Scotaloo winks at Apple Bloom, then turns to Babs, laying it on thick.

144 SCOOTALOO
Well, don't even THINK about riding it,
Babs! You had your chance.

Scotaloo leans into the float, she hits a button and the GEARS and MECHANICS under the float begin to move. The parade is starting.

Babs looks at Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon down the path, watching the starting parade.

145 BABS
Oh yeah?!

Apple Bloom holds the door open, and just as she is about to climb in, Babs pushes her aside, hops in, and slams the door shut.

146 BABS (CONT'D)
See ya later, Cutie Mark Crybabies!

Babs pushes her hoof on the wooden pedal, and the wheels move along. The Cutie Mark Crusaders watch Babs take off with the parade.

147 APPLE BLOOM
So is the timer set?

148 SCOOTALOO
Yup.

149 SWEETIE BELLE
Teach her to fool with the Cutie Mark
Crusaders!

Just then, Applejack approaches the ponies.

150 APPLEJACK
Y'all lettin' Babs ride in your Golden
Apple float?

151 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! We thought she deserved to be the
"center of attention."

The Cutie Mark Crusaders <GIGGLE>

152 APPLEJACK
Well, that's just super sweet of y'all--
makin' Babs feel so special. You know,
after all the heartache she's been having
in Manehattan.

The ponies are confused.

153 APPLE BLOOM
Heartache?

154 APPLEJACK
Well, I didn't say nothin' cuz I didn't
want her to feel singled out, but there's
some bullies back in Manehattan just been
teasin' her to pieces for her blank
flank.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders exchange worried glances.

155 APPLE BLOOM
...T-T-Teased?

156 SWEETIE BELLE
...B--Bullies?

157 APPLEJACK
Yup. She came out to the farm to get away
from all her problems back home.

Applejack stretches her fore legs around the three and
gives them a big squeeze.

158 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'm proud of y'all. You've done a good
deed.

Applejack departs. The Cutie Mark Crusaders quickly look at each other.

159 SCOOTALOO
So that's why she jumped in when Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon started giving us a hard time.

160 APPLE BLOOM
She didn't want to be bullied like at home so she decided to try and be a bully instead.

161 SWEETIE BELLE
And now we've turned into bullies, too!

The three ponies look off in the distance at the float riding off-- the CAMERA SHIFTS to the lake ahead.

BACK ON the Cutie Mark Crusaders sharing horrified looks.

162 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE
BELLE/SCOOTALOO
WHAT DID WE DO?!?!?!?

END OF ACT II

ACT III

EXT. PONYVILLE MAIN STREET - CONTINUOUS

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are watching the float riding off in the distance. They rush up to Applejack who is enjoying the passing parade.

163 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack! Quick, you have to help us! We gotta stop that float!!

Applejack is confused.

164 APPLEJACK
Huh?

165 APPLE BLOOM
We booby-trapped it!

166 APPLEJACK
What?! W-Why would you do that?

167 SCOOTALOO
Babs! Bully! Payback! No time to explain!
We've just got to get Babs out of that
float!

At the front of the parade, Babs is floating by, waving to spectators. Ponies are cheering and waving back, throwing confetti in the air.

There are BATON TWIRLERS dancing up and down the sides, small ponies doing tricks on larger ponies' backs, a small pony MARCHING BAND blaring patriotic tunes.

It's very exciting and there is a lot of commotion. Babs is taking it all in.

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon wave from the crowd. Silver Spoon whistles to get Babs' attention.

168 SILVER SPOON
<whееееет!>

169 DIAMOND TIARA
Nice float, Babs!

Babs yells back out, gesturing behind her.

170 BABS
Snagged it from those whiny-baby blank
flanks!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon smile in approval.

171 DIAMOND TIARA
Too cool for school, Babs!

Babs smiles, proudly.

INT THE DISTANCE - Ponyville Lake is fast approaching.

BACK ON BABS - who is oblivious to what is in store for her.

At the back of the parade, Applejack and the Cutie Mark Crusaders are trying to reach Babs up front. They attempt to get through the crowds to no avail.

172 SPECTATOR 1
Ouch!

173 APPLEJACK
Oh sorry, sir!

Popcorn flies into the air.

174 SPECTATOR 2

Oof! My popcorn!

175 APPLE BLOOM
Oh sorry!

Apple Bloom disappears through the crowd and comes out wearing a TOP HAT, GIANT GLASSES, a large POLKA-DOTTED JACKET, and giant FLOPPY RED SHOES. Realizing she is walking like someone wearing flippers, she looks down.

176 SCOOTALOO (V.O.)
'scuse me, 'scuse me---- oh!

REVEAL: A disgruntled pony clown in a wife beater, suspenders, and pants.

177 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Whoops!

Sweetie Belle cuts out of the crowd and tries to cut through the band. She gets caught up in the music and starts marching to the beat. Apple Bloom passes her, grabs her and goes.

178 APPLE BLOOM
Sweetie Belle!

179 SWEETIE BELLE
Whoooah!

Scotaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom gallop along the floats, trying to catch up. They come to Pinkie Pie, who is driving a big round lettuce head float.

180 SCOOTALOO
Pinkie Pie! Let us in!

Pinkie Pie laughs.

181 PINKIE PIE
Ha ha! Funny joke!

182 APPLE BLOOM
No, really! LET. US. IN!

183 PINKIE PIE
Oh! Here!

She opens the door and the Cutie Mark Crusaders squish in. Scootaloo takes over the steering wheel and zooms out of the parade up towards Babs.

Babs is still up front, enjoying the parade. The lake is getting closer. Just then, the lettuce float catches up to her.

184 APPLE BLOOM
Babs! You gotta get out of the float!

185 BABS
You're not getting your float back,
crybabies!

186 SWEETIE BELLE
But it's boob---

Ponies tooting <BUGLE HORNS> pass by and drown out Sweetie Belle. All of a sudden Pinkie Pie yells out.

187 PINKIE PIE
Tossed salad! Tossed salad!

The Scootaloo turns back and looks at her.

188 SCOOTALOO
Huh? What're you talk---

<CRASH!> Pinkie Pie's float crashes into a pile of hay.

The dust clears, the ponies are all sitting in the destroyed float, which now looks like a pile of lettuce leaves.

189 PINKIE PIE
 (explaining)
Tossed salad!

The Cutie Mark Crusaders jump up and resume their pursuit of Babs and the float.

190 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry Pinkie Pie! We'll make it up to
you!

191 PINKIE PIE
Hey don't leave me!

Pinkie Pie gets her own joke, throwing lettuce leaves into the air.

192 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ha, ha! "Leave" me!

Back at the front, Babs is still waving to the crowd and enjoying the parade.

INSERT - Under the "dashboard" of the float, there is GRANNY SMITH'S TIMER, <TICKING> away. It's connected via bands, obviously part of some contraption that controls the float.

The timer in Babs' float just then counts down to "0." It little shrill bell <RINGS>.

The mechanism clamps down, turning the wheels in one direction.

RESUME

Babs reacts as the float begins to steer away from the parade!

193 BABS
Huh? What's that?

Babs tries to steer the steering wheel, pulling it fast clockwise then clockwise. But the steering wheel comes off!

194 BABS (CONT'D)
What the--

Just then the Cutie Mark Crusaders gallop up next to her. Apple Bloom swings open the door with her snout.

195 APPLE BLOOM
BABS!!!!

Scootaloo grabs the stem of the steering wheel and yanks it out with Babs still holding onto it.

Sweetie Belle TRIPS and pushes all of the Crusaders into the float. At that moment the float catches the hill in front of the lake and quickly PICKS UP SPEED down the hill. Apple Bloom pushes Babs out of the float.

Babs lands on her butt and watches the float roll out of control and barrel down the embankment.

196 SCOOTALOO
Ohhhh....apple sauce!!!

The float's wheel hits a giant rock and, with the Cutie Mark Crusaders still inside, it is flung through the air--

197 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE
 BELLE/SCOOTALOO
WHOOOOOOOOOAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

<SPLASH> The float lands in the middle of the Ponyville Lake!

Unhurt, but SOPPING WET and MUDDY, they all emerge above the water. Then they look up.

There, at the edge of the embankment, is a SMALL CROWD of looking down in shock at the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

198 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/
 SCOOTALOO
<GROAN>

199 APPLE BLOOM
Maybe we'll get our cutie marks in
"Stupidest Ideas of All Time."

Babs and Applejack rush down to the lake to help the ponies out of the water.

200 APPLEJACK
Are y'all ok???

Apple Bloom holds her hoof to one nostril and blows water out of the other. Sweetie Belle shakes her wet mane. Scootaloo spits out a fish.

201 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE
 BELLE/SCOOTALOO
Yeah/We're fine/No sweat.

Babs is in disbelief.

202 BABS (APOLOGETIC)
After I'd been so mean to ya, you saved
me.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders look at each other, defeated.

Slowly, Apple Bloom turns to Babs and tries to smile.

203 APPLE BLOOM
 (to Babs)
About that...

FADE TO:

EXT. APPLE ORCHARD - DAY - LATER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are washing the mud off of themselves in the presence of Babs and Applejack.

204 BABS
I don't get it-- I saw it all happen! You pushed me out just when the float was about to head into the lake.

205 SCOOTALOO
Except WE were the reason it was headed into the lake.

206 SWEETIE BELLE
We booby-trapped the float.

207 APPLE BLOOM
You see Babs, we were trying to get you back for being a big bully.

208 SCOOTALOO
But then Applejack told us about how you were being bullied back in Manehattan.

209 SWEETIE BELLE
--and we figured out you were just doing it to avoid getting picked on in Ponyville. But by then WE were the ones being bullies and-- OH, WHY does life have to be SO IRONIC??

210 APPLE BLOOM
Guess what we're trying to say is--

211 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE
 BELLE/SCOOTALOO
We're sorry!

212 BABS
I'm sorry too.

Applejack looks disappointed.

213 APPLEJACK
You know this all could've been avoided if y'all had just come to me in the very beginning.

214 SWEETIE BELLE
That's what I kept on saying!

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo share guilty looks.

215 BABS
So, can we start over?

216 APPLE BLOOM
Definitely.

217 SCOOTALOO
Yeah!! And I know how!!

INT. CLUBHOUSE - DAY - LATER

Scootaloo blares a <HORRIBLE TUNE> on her BUGLE. All the other ponies cover their ears.

Sweetie Belle reads from the OFFICIAL SCROLL.

218 SWEETIE BELLE
We, the Cutie Mark Crusaders, elect Babs Seed to join us as a sister, friend, confidante, ally, bosom buddy, gal pal, compadre, chum of chums---

219 SCOOTALOO
Ahem!!

Sweetie Belle reminds Scootaloo.

220 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, you wrote this!

Scootaloo blushes.

221 SCOOTALOO
Oh, yeah, right.

Apple Bloom suggests a compromise.

222 APPLE BLOOM
Let's just, uh, skip to the bottom part?

223 SWEETIE BELLE
--Homegirl, amiga, blah, blah, blah--

She scans down to the bottom.

224 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Oh yes, HERE! ..and FELLOW CUTIE MARK CRUSADER!

Babs blushes.

225 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
You are solemnly sworn in, here this day,
in witness of your fellow sisters,
friends, confidantes, allies, bosom
buddies, gal pals, compadres--

Scootaloo cuts her off.

226 SCOOTALOO
Congratulations!!
(under her breath)
Gotta remember to revise that!

The Cutie Mark Crusaders toss confetti over Babs head.
Scootaloo raises the bugle to her mouth again. Apple
Bloom stops her.

227 APPLE BLOOM
Can we revise the bugle part, too?

Scootaloo puts down the bugle.

228 SCOOTALOO
Heh,heh. Sure.

229 APPLE BLOOM
And, the best part, of course,--- is the
RECEPTION!

Sweetie Belle opens the clubhouse door, revealing Apple
Jack who has put together an entire spread of harvest
treats over a wonderfully decorated picnic table!

230 APPLEJACK
Let's chow!

The ponies rush to the table and dig in.

FADE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN STATION

The train awaits its passengers as the Cutie Mark
Crusaders and Applejack say a final goodbye to their new
friend Babs.

231 APPLE BLOOM
So you promise you're going to start our
satellite branch of the Cutie Mark
Crusaders in Manehattan, right?

232 BABS
Yeah.
(then, to Applejack)
And I promise to keep talking to my big sis about the teasing back home.

233 APPLEJACK
Good, and if you have any problems, we've got your back, too, ya hear?

Babs nods. Just then, Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon approach the group.

234 DIAMOND TIARA
So you're leaving, huh?
(then)
Great! Now we're stuck here with these lame blank flanks--

Babs stand up to Diamond Tiara.

235 BABS
Hey-- that's not how you talk to my FRIENDS!

236 SILVER SPOON
F-Friends?!?

Babs gets closer.

237 BABS
Yeah, you gotta problem with that?

238 DIAMOND TIARA
Well what if I do? What're YOU going to do about it?

Babs gets even a little closer, towering over the two.

239 BABS
Tell your muthas about your bad attitudes!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon get nervous. They frown and quickly back off.

Babs looks at Applejack, who winks at her in approval. Babs goes to board her train, finds a window seat and looks out. As the train whistles and begins to move, she waves goodbye to the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

240 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm sure gonna miss that "Bad Seed."

241 APPLEJACK
"Bad" seed? Thought y'all were friends
now?

242 SWEETIE BELLE
No-- see... first we called her "Bad
Seed" as in actually a "bad seed." But
now she's "Bad" as in "good." Get it?

Applejack nods, "yes", then stops, realizing she doesn't.

243 APPLEJACK
No!

The Cutie Mark Crusaders share a <GIGGLE> as we...

FADE OUT

END EPISODE